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1. REFTEL REPORTED DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR
VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FROM MADRAS. EMBASSY IS
GRATEFUL FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MADRAS
CONSULATE GENERAL.

2. FOR US MISSION GENEVA: DESPITE EMBASSY AND
ICEM/BANGKOK REQUEST TO BE APPRISED OF THE DEPARTURE
SCHEDULE WE WERE NOT INFORMED OF THE SCHEDULE UNTIL
THE DAY OF DEPARTURE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE
SWISSAIR COMPUTER WAS NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY
WHICH COMPLICATED MAKING FIRM AIR BOOKINGS. WE
HOPE THAT IN FUTURE MOVEMENTS SUCH AS THIS, ICEM/
GENEVA WILL TAKE A MORE DIRECT ROLE IN CONTROLLING
DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS, AND , IF POSSIBLE, ARRANGE
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MORE CONVENIENT FLIGHT CONNECTIONS. THE JUNE 22-23
ITINERARY REQUIRED A 15 HOUR TRANSIT OF BOMBAY AND
A 5 HOUR TRANSIT OF ZURICH.

3. EMBASSY ASSUMES ICEM/NEW YORK UNDERTOOK
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REFUGEES IN NEW YORK AND THAT
THEY WERE NOT A BURDEN TO INS/NEW YORK.

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